State of Arizona House of Representatives Forty-fifth Legislature First Regular Session 2001

CHAPTER 42

## **HOUSE BILL 2088**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 25-102, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO MARRIAGE LICENSE, CEREMONY AND RECORD.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 25-102, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

## 25-102. Consent required for marriage of minors

- A. Persons under eighteen years of age shall not marry without the consent of the parent or guardian having custody of such person. Persons under sixteen years of age shall not marry without the consent of the parent or guardian having custody of such THAT person and the approval of any superior court judge in the state. When both parents are living the consent of either parent is sufficient. When the parents are living apart, the consent shall be given by the parent who has the custody of the minor.
- B. BEFORE AUTHORIZING THE MARRIAGE OF A PERSON WHO IS UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE, THE COURT:
- 1. SHALL REQUIRE BOTH PARTIES TO THE MARRIAGE TO COMPLETE PREMARITAL COUNSELING. THE COURT MAY WAIVE THIS REQUIREMENT IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT PREMARITAL COUNSELING IS NOT REASONABLY AVAILABLE.
  - 2. MUST FIND THAT THE MINOR IS ENTERING INTO THE MARRIAGE VOLUNTARILY.
- 3. MUST FIND THAT THE MARRIAGE IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE MINOR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.
  - 4. MAY REQUIRE THAT THE MINOR CONTINUE TO ATTEND SCHOOL.
- 5. MAY REQUIRE ANY OTHER CONDITION THAT THE COURT DETERMINES IS REASONABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.
- $8.\,$  C. No A marriage shall NOT take place under the provisions of this section if it is prohibited by the law relating to prohibited and void marriages.

APPROVED BY THE COVERNOR APRIL 4, 2001.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 4, 2001.

| Passed the House March 08, 2001,          | Passed the Senate March 28, 2001,                                 |
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| by the following vote: 48 Ayes,           | by the following vote:Ayes,                                       |
|   | Nays, Not Voting  |
| Speaker of the House                      | President of the Senate   |
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| This Bill was recei                       | ved by the Governor this  |
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| H.B. 2088                                 | This Bill was received by the Secretary of State this day of, 20, |
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